# FREE Hepatitis A Vaccines for Food Service Workers

# Starting April 19<sup>th</sup> **FREE Hepatitis A Vaccines**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month WHEN:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM TIME:

Walk-in visits, no appointment needed

WHERE: Charlottesville/Albemarle Health Department, Entrance #1

#### Why should food service workers get a Hepatitis A vaccine?

Eating food that is prepared or served by an employee with Hepatitis A is a major cause of foodborne illness in the U.S. The best way to prevent getting and spreading Hepatitis A is by getting vaccinated.

## What is Hepatitis A?

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious disease that attacks the liver. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Tired
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea/vomiting Stomach pain
- Dark colored urine
- Pale/clay colored stool
- Jaundice (yellow skin & whites of eye)

### **How is Hepatitis A Spread?**

Hepatitis A spreads from person to person by putting something in your mouth that is contaminated with the stool of a person who has Hepatitis A. Most infections come through close personal contact with a person who has Hepatitis A from:

- Sharing towels, cigarettes, toothbrushes, eating utensils, etc.
- Having sex with an infected person
- IV drug use
- Eating food or drink that was handled by an infected person



For more information call (434) 972-6269

